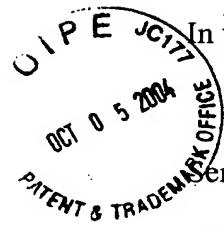


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Sir:

After receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated August 18, 2004, for the above-captioned patent application, but before payment of the Issue Fee (which accompanies this submission), Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 for purposes of amending the drawings.